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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1883.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
October 9, GRENADA, British steamer, 1,901, Park, Shanghai 3rd October, and Foochow 7th. Tea and General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
October 9, FOOKANG, British steamer, 990, Hogg, Canton 9th October, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.  
October 9, NAMOA, British steamer, 862, Geo. Westby, Foochow 4th Oct., Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 8th, General—DODGAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
October 9, TAICHO, British steamer, 862, J. Jordan, Bangkok 2nd Oct., General—YUEN FAT HONG.  
October 9, GUSTAV & OSCAR, German ship, 1,352, G. Leemann, Cardiff 1st June, Coal—MELCHERS & CO.  
October 9, MARIE LOUISE, German bark, 442, A. Eickens, Singapore 15th Sept., Timber—CHINESE.  
October 9, ENTERPRISE, American corvette, A. S. Barker, Singapore 2nd Oct.  
October 9, HAITIAN, British steamer, 281, W. Mooney, Haiphong 3rd Oct., and Hoibow 7th, General—APCOC.  
October 9, SAILER, French steamer, 323, Arangane, Haiphong 3rd Oct., General—R. A. MARTY.  
October 9, ROHILLA, British steamer, 2,251, W. Baratt, Bombay 22nd Sept., and Singapore 4th Oct., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

**CLEARANCES.**  
AT THE HAMMELMASTER'S OFFICE—  
OCTOBER 9th.

Tok Li, British bark, for Bangkok.  
Fokien, British str., for Amoy.  
Verona, German str., for Singapore.  
Chi-yuen, Chinese str., for Singapore.  
Nan-wei, French str., for Hoibow.  
Ping-oo, British str., for Hoibow.  
Fookang, British str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

October 9, NAPLES, British steamer, for Foochow.  
October 9, GRIFFITH, British steamer, for Hoibow.  
October 9, NELSON, British steamer, for Saigon.  
October 9, CHENG HOCH KIAN, British str., for Swatow.  
October 9, FOXLEY, British steamer, for Amoy.  
October 9, DOUGLAS, British steamer, for East Coast.  
October 9, ESPION, British gunboat, for Canton.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Mr. R. RUTTENEE DABADOO TATA TATA is authorised to sign our Firm from this date. TATA & CO. 1812  
1st October, 1883.

## NOTICE.

WE have this day authorised Mr. FRIEDRICH SEPP to sign our Firm. EDUARD SCHELLHAAS & CO. Hongkong & Shanghai, 1st October, 1883. 1803  
NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. G. A. GROSSMANN in our First-Class GROWNS at 1% per Cent. Net premium per annum. GROSSMANN & CO. Hongkong, 1st September, 1883. 1742  
NOTICE.

FOR this day Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our business at this port, and all correspondence should be addressed to them. Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also act as Agents at this port for the following:— GEO. E. SIEVENS & CO. Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. 1449  
NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. DE WESTLEY LAYTON as a Partner in our Firm. BAIN & CO. Taiwan, 1st September, 1883. 1803  
NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO. 26th July, 1872. 113  
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JOSEPH GILLOTT'S STEEL PENS. G. GOLD MEDAL, PARIS, 1873. 1829  
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DAILY PRESS' OFFICE, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TERNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAE & SONS, Ayrshire.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. HONGKONG, JUNE 1883. 22  
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VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA. (Per last Mail's Advice).

Bremen (a.) Foochow Aug. 17  
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Telephus (a.) Foochow Aug. 17  
Verona (a.) Shanghai Aug. 23  
Agramont (a.) Shanghai Aug. 24  
Glorfy (a.) Foochow Aug. 22  
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Gustav & Ossur, Penang June 1  
Sachsen, Carlif. June 12  
Cesent, Penang June 23  
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H.M.S. Merlin, Plymouth July 7  
Okla, Helsingburg July 12  
Juniper, Carlif. July 13  
L.G.M.S. Stein, Plymouth July 24  
Oscar, Carlif. July 31  
Dakota, Carlif. Aug. 2  
Willy, California Aug. 2  
Jotomi Maru (a.) Amoy Aug. 2  
Lisan (a.) London Aug. 14  
Fuska (a.) Glasgow Aug. 15  
William, London Aug. 16  
Maria Louise, Liverpool Aug. 18  
Bardolph (a.) Liverpool Aug. 21  
Flintshire (a.) London Aug. 23  
Willie the Wimp, Hull Aug. 25  
Laudington (a.) Glasgow Aug. 25  
Lay (a.) London Aug. 27

## BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION  
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$5,000,000.  
INSTALMENT received \$26,765.62  
RESERVED FUND \$2,000,000.  
INSTALMENTS OF PRE. \$308,395.43  
NEW SHARES \$3,193,335.43

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. YOUNG, Esq.  
H. Parry, Esq. A. Molver, Esq.  
A. G. Gurney, Esq. W. E. Sisson, Esq.  
H. F. B. Johnson, W. E. Forbes, Esq.  
Chief Manager—J. M. ARMSTRONG.  
Treasurer—W. J. JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai—EDWARD CARMON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COURT BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum.

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Debts granted in London, and the chief commercial ports in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1883.

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HONGKONG BANK CORPORATION.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER).

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$1,500,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY UN- DER CHARTER \$21,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON DEPOSITS.

AT 3 Months 3 per cent. per annum.

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AT 12 Months 5 per cent. per annum.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1883.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

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## FOR SALE.

FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS.  
SUTTON'S FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.

SAN FRANCISCO FLOWER &amp; VEGETABLE SEEDS.

SUTTON'S CONCENTRATED MANURE for Flowers and Vegetables.

"LE FLORAL" FRENCH MANURE, for Trees, Flowers and Vegetables.

MUSHROOM SPAWN.

RECENT WORKS ON GARDENING.

GARDENING TOOLS.

LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; Co.

18th September, 1888. [692]

## NOTICE:

A. S. WATSON AND CO. FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS, By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the Duke of EDINBURGH, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS, PERFUMERS, PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMAN, AND AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS EQUIPPED, PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS. All notices for publication should be written on one side of the paper column.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

Communications or Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

BIRTH. On the 7th instant, at West Villa, the wife of Captain KENNETH, of a daughter.

1888.

The *Daily Press*.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 10TH, 1888.

The native tea hongs at Foochow have entered into a combination not to show masters of tea to foreign buyers after a certain date, in order to prevent the excessive picking of the leaf and so to improve the quality of next year's crop. The express in which the agreement was publicly notified reads as follows:—"The members of the local tea hongs have respectfully informed the foreign tea merchants of Foochow that they have this day entered into and executed an agreement that on and after the 20th October next they will not advance against or receive any tea that may be brought down from the tea districts for the remainder of this season; and have also mutually agreed that tea masters shall not be shown to foreign tea hongs after the above mentioned date. And they have also further agreed that in the event of any of them receiving from the aforesaid tea districts any tea, or exhibiting any masters to the foreign tea hongs after that date, they shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence the sum of one thousand dollars. As this agreement is entered into for the mutual benefit of Chinese and foreign merchants, in order to prevent excessive picking of the tea plants, it is hoped that the foreign tea merchants will assist by not receiving any tea masters which may be sent direct to them by non-signatories to the agreement." For years past the quality of Chinese tea has been depreciating, while they have found a strong competitor in the Indian product. It is therefore satisfactory to find any indication that the Chinese are at last awaking to the importance of preventing further deterioration. The statement that the agreement referred to is entered into "for the mutual benefit of Chinese and foreign merchants" must, however, be taken merely as a figure of speech. It does not appear that foreign merchants have been consulted in the matter, and it would be a surprising thing to find native merchants taking any action out of a purely benevolent feeling towards the foreigners with whom they do business. In taking the action they have done they have been actuated solely by self-interest, and if it happens in this instance that native and foreign interests are accordant it must be regarded as a coincidence and nothing more. Whether the foreign merchants will look upon the agreement as tending to their advantage is extremely doubtful. Admitting the importance of improving the crop, the onus of doing this rests entirely on the Chinese, and foreigners are not called upon to make any sacrifice in order to assist them. Consequently if the foreigners see a likelihood of making a profit by purchasing tea from non-signatories to the agreement, they will hardly be likely to allow the chance to pass. Self-interest is the true motive of all progress in commercial or industrial matters. It is this which restrains the "judicious farmer" in England from exhausting the soil, and it is the same motive which must prevent the Chinese tea growers exhausting their plants by the excessive picking of the leaf. It will be observed that in the action taken at Foochow it is the merchants and not the growers who have taken the initiative. It would have been more satisfactory to have found the growers acting in their own interests. It is hardly the province of merchants and traders to enter into combinations to bring pressure to bear on the producers, except in so far as they can do so by creating a demand for a superior article and so making it the interest of the producer to improve his production. But in China things are not as they are in Europe. The Chinese are adepts at combination, and it is possible that the par-

ticular combination under notice may prove effective in improving the quality of the tea brought to market. It would be a novelty in England to find the dealers in agricultural produce combining together in order to bring pressure to bear on the farmers in order to compel the latter to farm on intelligent principles. The ordinary law of supply and demand is usually sufficient to effect this. The Chinese tea merchants of Foochow, however, have adopted this course, and however much opposed it may be to the theories of political economy, if it achieves any measure of success it will be extremely gratifying; but we fear that such an artificial arrangement will lead down from its own inherent weakness. Hence it has had no great success. It is not by preventing excessive picking of the leaf during one season that the quality of the crop will be permanently improved; the same course would have to be adopted every year, and the Chinese, in their eagerness for immediate gain and their short-sightedness, are hardly likely to practise continually the self-delusion of allowing a few marketable leaves to remain on the plants at the close of each season, at least until they have been educated to take a wider view of the theory of tea cultivation.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 8.15 yesterday evening.

H. M. gunboat *Esopus*, Commander Gauble, left here yesterday for Canton.

The British steamer *Japan* leaves the Compton dock to-day and the American ship *Zouave* goes in.

Among the passengers by the steamer *Douglas*, which left here yesterday for Coast ports, we notice the name of Bishop Burdon, for Foochow.

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The conscience money received by the English Chancellor of the Exchequer during the last financial year represents an unacknowledged income of £317,472.

Is smoking hurtful? Foggs says he has made a practical investigation of the question for twenty-three years. When he finds out he will let the world have an about it.

People can talk as much as they like about the difficulties which beset naval men in the old days of wooden hulls, but with the introduction of ironclads the real hardships of the navy began.

"Well, I shall do my best to have justice done," said the lawyer to the client. "Indeed, if you are going to do that," replied the rascal, "I think I'd better be off at once."

A memorandum is to be sent to the memory of Mr. Frederic Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," who died in the cemetery at Frederick, Maryland, where his grave has hitherto been treated with due respect.

In reply to the Queen's query of one of the maid's of honour as to how she enjoyed the coronation, the reply was: "Over as over, my Queen Majesty; I hope we shall soon have another!"

The maid is summing up in Siberia.

A smart man explained to his little daughter that in winter houses were longer than in winter, and houses would expand.

But he could not, on the same principle, explain the length of the nights in winter.

"Sam," said a white man, "you are looking mighty pleasant—you're always looking pleasant." "It's cause I'm happy, boss." "Way, Sam, what have you got to make you happy?" "Boss, I'm happy 'cause I'm alive."—Dorothy's

A New York correspondent reports that Count

Robert de Rostagni, formerly an officer in the French cavalry, a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, and cousin of the Military Intendant of Paris, has attempted to commit suicide on account of poverty, behind a restaurant in West Twenty-sixth-street.

It is reported in New York that Mr. Flood, the "King," will begin building on Nob Hill a villa which will cost \$20,000,000, and will seat a hundred and twenty in costliness of interior decoration. It is also reported that the pictures which Mr. Mackie is buying so liberally in Europe are intended for its walls.

The uncommon name of Elitz Friedhof, given to the infant prince at the Potemkin christening on Sunday, of great antiquity, having been used in a Habsburg family some centuries ago still existing in their ancestral castle in the Spanish Alps. The young prince's cradle, of carved oak, has been in use in the royal family for 160 years.

Inquiring stranger to steamship pilot: "What is Black Mountain, is it?" Pilot: "Yes, sir; highest mountain about here." Stranger: "Any story or legend connected with that mountain?" Pilot: "Yes, lots of 'em. One of the most interesting is about two lovers that went up the mountain and never came down again." Stranger: "Indeed! I wonder of course, what became of them?" Pilot: "They went down on the other side."

The Tibetan correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphs—Khotchou reports that the Russian Commissioner is buying large quantities of provisions and storing them in places east of Ask

The Russian forces among the Tokio Three thousand, 10,000 men. A camp has been formed at Ask, and reinforcements are arriving. When the forces amount 18,000 men, it is believed that 10,000 will march under General Camaroff to Perv.

New honour is laid in store for that extremely fortunate soldier, Lord Wolesley.

The Queen intends shortly to create a couple of Field Marshals, and his Lordship, it is understood, is to be one of them. This will be the first time for many years past that the dignity has been held by a soldier, while it is of an age to command in the field. Heavy on

Field Marshals are members of the Royal Family or veterans long past active service, but it would include one or two effective officers.

"Atlas" in the *World* writes:—What is a "light-wood girl"? I ask because I observed the name in the advertising columns of the Times that goes like this: "The girl might be educated by the best professors, for a sum of fees, at a certain establishment in the north-west of London—which hardly strikes one as being a very high-class locality. The difficulty of defining the middle class has been always proverbial, but the new departure only increases the difficulty. But, then, we know Arnold will help."

On July 28th, while the old house was being pulled down in the village of West Spring, Bonncombe county, North Carolina, the workmen found a skeleton behind one of the thick walls. Upon it was an old leather pocket containing several letters of the year 1827. In one of them were two 10-dollar notes of a man which disappeared many years ago. The old singer had never heard of any crime which could account for the presence of these remains of a poor person. In the case may be set down as a tragic accident, the cause of which will never be known.

Mr. Verney, an engineer, of Dover, has been appointed by the International Association of the Upper Congo to take charge of an expedition to convey a steamer to Stanley Pool, Central Africa. In the spring of next year he will accompany Mr. Stanley on a long expedition into hitherto unexplored regions in that continent. Mr. Verney will be engaged next week in order to make himself acquainted with the soundings of the Congo for a considerable distance from the mouth of the river previous to the arrival of the steamer, which will have to be taken to pieces and carried 500 miles through tortuous rapids.

It appears that the grandfather of President Lincoln was a native of Norfolk, in England, and the inscription over his tomb in that city runs as follows:—"In memory of Abraham Lincoln, of this parish, who died July 16, 1855, aged 79 years; and Hannah his daughter, who died September 23, 1865, aged 6 years.

From The Great God, we spring, to the sea we tend, Path, native, guide, original, and end."

Mr. John Leach, of Yarmouth, had this inscription photographed at his own expense for presentation to friends of the distinguished American President.

The following dramatic incident in connection with the trial of the Chinese Guiteau, has been communicated to the *London Advertiser*:

—P. J. Sheehy, who served as one of the defense lawyers in the trial of the Chinese Guiteau, has become insane, and will be conveyed to an asylum. His insanity has gradually developed ever since the hanging of Guiteau, which event seemed to have a powerful effect on a mind that before that time never showed any signs of weakness.

Before that time he frequently expressed the greatest regard and respect on a jury that was to try a man for his life, and after the trial he became morbid on the subject of being in prison for a hanging.

The Marine Navigation is recently published a article in which it says there is no doubt that emigration from Italy is assuming a regrettable character, especially that to the years from 1878 to 1873 the number of emigrants was 26,000 persons, whereas in 1882 it reached 45,000 persons.

A third of the emigrants go to the Argentine Republic, where, from affinity of race, language, and customs, emigration is less bitter, and where they at once find assistance and employment. But those who go to North America are almost always obliged to follow soldiers, and are employed on railways and in mines among the Indians, who hate the competition, and the Chinese, who share the contempt with which Indians are regarded in the cities the vilest trades, according to the paper above quoted, are practised almost exclusively by Italians, which do not redound to the honour of the Italian name.

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